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## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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### Meetings this week:

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).

Friday, June 12, 2015



## High school building project gets new online resource

A new online resource is [now available](#), and includes detailed information about the Dover High School and Regional Career Technical Center building project.

A Joint Building Committee is evaluating options for the high school and CTC, including new construction, renovation and additions, or a combination of new construction and facility rehabilitation.

The online resource, [available here](#), includes specific information about the current options under evaluation, as well as related reports and studies about the existing high school, community visioning sessions, JBC meeting minutes and materials, and more.

This resource will be updated as the project continues.

In 2012, the School Board formed a committee to assess how Dover High School and the Regional Career Technical



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Center can better meet the demands of 21st-century education. In 2014, a Joint Building Committee (JBC) was formed to help guide the project. In October 2014, the JBC selected HMFH, Architects, Inc. to conduct a needs assessment, site selection and design services for the project.



## Flag Day is Sunday, kicking off National Flag Week

Flag Day this year is Sunday, June 14, 2015. A Flag Day ceremony is planned in Dover on Sunday at 11:45 a.m. at Henry Law Park.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Constitutional Congress adopted a flag with 13 stripes and 13 stars to represent the Nation, one star for each of our founding colonies. The stars were set upon a blue field, in the words of the Congress's resolution, "representing a new constellation" in the night sky.

To commemorate the adoption of the flag, the Congress, by joint resolution approved August 3, 1949, designated June 14 of each year as "Flag Day" and requested the display of the flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings. The Congress also requested, by joint resolution approved June 9, 1966, that the President annually issue a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as "National Flag Week" and call upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

## Dover Chamber kicks off new season of historic walking tours

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer guided walking tours of historic Dover on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. this summer. The tours will be held through September.



Tours will depart from the Chamber, 550 Central Ave., and will travel downtown. Attendees will learn about the rise and fall of Dover's textile industry, "Dover's Black Day" and famous visitors to Dover.

Dover is New Hampshire's oldest, continuous settlement.

Tours are \$8 per person, or \$5 per person for a family of

four or more, with a maximum of \$20. These tours last approximately 90 minutes. A water bottle and sneakers are recommended.

New this year is an architectural tour, and returning for its second year is a tour of Pine Hill cemetery. The architectural tour meets at the Locust Street parking lot for St. Joseph's Church. The cost of this tour is also \$8 per person, or \$5 per person for a family of four or more, with a maximum of \$20.

The Pine Hill Cemetery tour must be reserved in advance. The cost of the cemetery tour is \$10 and meets at the Pine Hill Cemetery.

For more information or to make reservations, call (603) 742-2218.



## Summer hours at Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool begin June 22

Full summer hours at the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool begin Monday, June 22. The full schedule will be posted on the City's [website here](#).

During the week of June 15, the following activities are planned at the pool, Monday through Friday: Adult lap swim, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; and Recreational Swim, 12:15 to 3:45 p.m.

All children under 45 inches must be accompanied by an adult in the water.

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is a 50-meter competition pool located at 110 Portland Ave., next to the Dover Ice Arena. This pool is mainly used for competitive and recreational swimming, as well as occasional lessons during the summer.

For more information, call the pool office at 516-6085.

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## Dover Public Library gets in the game June 17

Liven up your Wednesday night with some friendly competition during the Public Library's 'Game Night' on Wednesday, June 17, from 6-8 p.m. in the library's Lecture Hall.

The Dover Public Library will provide the games and snacks. You provide the fun. Bring your friends or make some new ones. All are welcome, from beginners to pros, kids 11 and older, to adults, families and single players.

Games to sample will include: Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Carcassonne, Pandemic, Bananagrams, Backgammon and more.

This is a new event held the third Wednesday of every month.

Game Night is free to attend and is co-sponsored by Diversions Puzzles & Games of Portsmouth.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

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## Second public hearing on zoning amendments is June 23

The Dover Planning Board will hold a second public hearing on 20 proposed amendments to Dover's Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, June 23 in Room 306 at the McConnell Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

The amendments are the result of a comprehensive effort by the Planning Board to involve the public in the process. These amendments were developed with input from property owners, business owners, Planning staff, and the City's consultant for the "Heritage Residential Rezoning Study". The amendments are designed to encourage context-sensitive development that meets the needs of residents, promote economic growth and infill, contribute to a vibrant urban core and provide greater flexibility for signs in some of the City's commercial districts.

A summary of the amendments can be [viewed here](#).

The full text of the amendments is available in the Planning Department in City Hall, 288 Central Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and in the Public Library



during regular business hours. The full text can also be viewed on the City's website [here](#).

Written comments are encouraged.

For more information, contact the office of Planning and Community Development at 516-6008.

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## New Strafford County flood insurance rate maps and flood insurance changes topic of upcoming workshop

The New Hampshire Floodplain Management Program at the Office of Energy and Planning and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will jointly host a public open house workshop at the Durham Public Library, 49 Madbury Road, Durham, on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 from 4 to 7 p.m. No formal presentations will be made during the workshop so please attend at any time during these hours.

New FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) will become effective on Sept. 30, 2015 for a portion of Strafford County, which includes the communities of Dover, Durham, Madbury, and Rollinsford.

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in New Hampshire so it is important for property owners to understand their risk and how it may be changing with the release of new FIRMs.

Representatives from FEMA, the State, and their mapping partners, will be available to answer flood mapping and flood insurance questions, and assist property owners to identify and understand how their flood risk may be changing with the new maps. If a resident has a FEMA Elevation Certificate and/or flood insurance policy, they are encouraged to bring them to the open house in order to get the best information about how their flood insurance rates may change as a result of the new maps and recent legislative insurance reforms. Information about the new maps can be [found here](#).

If the library parking lot is full, overflow parking is available across Madbury Road at the Oyster River Middle School parking lot, 1 Coe Drive. Handicapped parking is still accessible at the library.

Please RSVP to Kellie Walsh, NH Office of Energy and Planning, at [kellie.walsh@nh.gov](mailto:kellie.walsh@nh.gov) or 271-2155.

## Construction to affect First Street traffic through June 16

First Street will be closed to traffic or subject to altered traffic patterns through Friday, June 16, to accommodate ongoing construction.

Road closure notifications will be provided to abutters 48 hours in advance of a closure.

Vehicles parked on First Street during road closures will be towed.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.



## Silver Street open to one-way traffic during construction

Silver Street (NH Route 9) will be a one-way street, inbound (easterly) only, from the intersection with Arch Street and Towle Avenue to the intersection with Central Avenue (NH Route 108). This pattern will be in effect at all times of the day, every day, through at least the end of September.

The suggested detour route for passenger cars from downtown will be via Washington Street to Arch Street. The intersection of Washington/Arch Streets will be converted to a three-way stop during this project in order to help safely process the extra traffic. The secondary detour (truck route) will be via Central Avenue to the Spaulding Turnpike.

For more information, visit the Silver Street Reconstruction Project page [here](#) or contact Community Services at 516-6450.

## Exit 5 northbound ramps closed for Spaulding Turnpike construction

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has

closed the Exit 5 northbound ramps on the Spaulding Turnpike in Dover for several months. Portable concrete barriers will be used at Exit 5 to close off the existing on and off ramps. The Exit 5 ramps will reopen later this summer.

A northbound traffic shift will allow for the construction of the new northbound tie-in from the Little Bay Bridge to the existing northbound lanes north of Exit 5. The Exit 5 ramps will be reconstructed to match the new alignment.

Motorists needing to access Wentworth Terrace and Hilton Park will be directed northbound to Exit 6W, and to a detour back to Boston Harbor Road and under the new Little Bay Bridge to get from the west side to the east side of the Turnpike. Southbound traffic needing to access Wentworth Terrace and Hilton Park, will be able to use Exit 6S and proceed to the signals at US Route 4/Boston Harbor Road.

Detour signs will be erected to show the new traffic pattern. Fire, emergency vehicles and school buses will need to use the detour. Boaters wishing to launch at Hilton Park should also take notice of this planned ramp closure and detour.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-3734.

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## CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

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The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.

**June 12, 1724** - Robert Burnham was admitted into the Council Chamber, and presented an Indian scalp to the board, and made oath that it was bona fide the scalp of an Indian slain two days before at Oyster River by a party of men under the command of Mr. Abraham Bennick and that he believed the said Indian was an enemy Indian. It was ordered the slayer be paid 100 pounds out of the treasury.

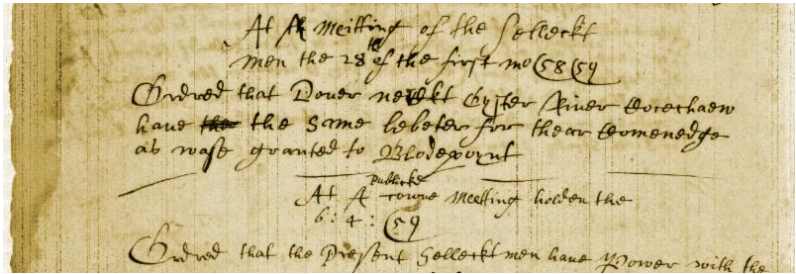
**June 17, 1657** - It was ordered that whoever should kill a wolf or wolves, whether English or Indian, within the town should have for so doing four pounds for every wolf killed, the head to be brought to the meeting house on Dover Neck or delivered to the constable and be by him publicly declared.

**June 16, 1852** - Candace Waldron, born a slave in the family of Thomas W. Waldron in 1781, died, aged 71.

**June 16, 1862** - A heavy frost destroys corn throughout Dover.

**June 17, 1897** - As church-goers were returning to their homes on Sunday, they witnessed a spectacular blaze. This was the burning of the wooden observatory on Garrison Hill. The records of the fire department show they were called out by an alarm from the box at Central Avenue and Abbott Street at 1:08 P.M., but the inaccessibility of the structure rendered their efforts valueless and it was wholly consumed. The hill remained without an observation tower from that time until the city established Garrison Hill Park and Sawyer Memorial Tower was erected in 1913.





## Recovered historic Dover records now available online

In 2014, the City of Dover received grant funding from the State of New Hampshire's Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program to digitize and preserve hundreds of pages of historical town books and records. The three volumes of original documents were recovered in 2008 and span the years 1657 to 1807.

The \$9,800 grant allowed the City of Dover to scan the documents into a digital formats and microfilm. The scanned documents, in portable document format (PDF), can be viewed on the City of Dover's [website here](#). The original documents can be viewed by special arrangement with the City Clerk's office.

Although these documents are part of the original records kept by Dover, they are available to the public for review purposes only.

For more information, contact City Clerk Karen Lavertu at 516-6020.

## MUNICIPAL MATTERS

### City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, [click here](#).

### Time to register your vehicle?

## Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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